

(Hartford) – Today **Congressman John B. Larson** urged residents and officials to make necessary steps in preparation of Hurricane Sandy. Throughout the afternoon, Congressman Larson will be reaching out to first district officials to ensure each town is aware of the resources that may be helpful in the coming days. Larson will also be speaking with

**Mayor Art Ward of Bristol**

today at 4:30 p.m. at Bristol City Hall (Mayor's Office) to discuss ways to best prepare for the hurricane.

"The devastating snowstorms that hit Connecticut last fall showed us that we can't take mother nature for granted. We must do everything we can to prepare for these events," said Congressman Larson. "As Sandy approaches I will be working to help our elected officials as they prepare for the storm and encouraging all residents to be as prepared and informed as possible, so we can all stay safe over the next few days."

In an email sent today, Congressman Larson also asked constituents to take all necessary precautions to ensure the safety of themselves and their families. Larson provided the following links that may be useful in preparation of the storm:

- [American Red Cross](#)
- [Commission on Fire Prevention and Control](#)
- [Community Emergency Response Team](#)
- [CT Emergency Alerting and Notification Systems](#)
- [CT Emergency Management Association](#)

- [CT Light & Power Outage Map](#)
- [CT Police Chiefs Association](#)
- [DOT Accident Information](#)
- [Federal Emergency Management Agency](#)
- [Get Capitol Region Ready \(CT\)](#)
- [Hurricane Safety Tips](#)
- [Infragardct](#)
- [Keepctsafe.com](#)
- [National Hurricane Center](#)
- [Salvation Army](#)
- [State Response Framework](#)
- [United Illuminating Outage Map](#)

- [US Department of Homeland Security](#)

Earlier Congressman Larson contacted Connecticut Light & Power for more information on their preparations for the hurricane. In a briefing sent today, CL&P reiterated that they are making key preparations, including resource, staffing and crew planning, and will be reaching out to customers and consumers over the weekend.

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